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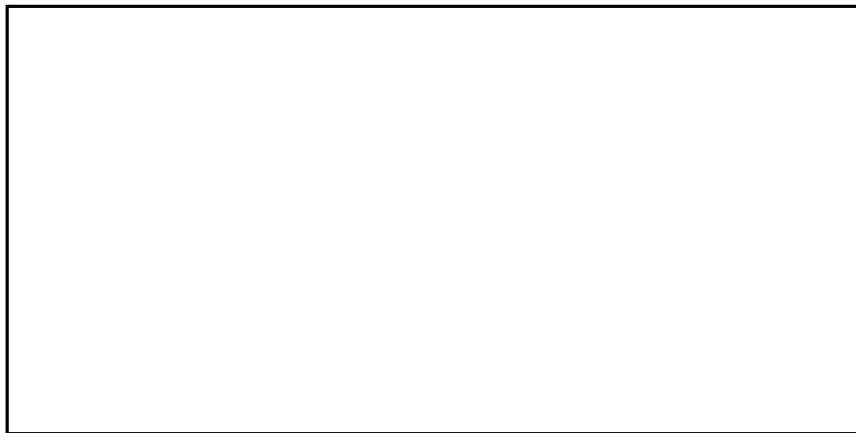
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West Germany: A mass rally in West Berlin next weekend will provide the first test of the authorities' newly expressed resolve to keep student demonstrations in bounds.

The rally is being organized by the West Berlin branch of the radical Socialist Student League, the organization responsible for violent demonstrations in a number of West German cities over the past several weeks. One of these involved an assault on the US Consulate in Frankfurt on 5 February. The protests are essentially "anti-establishment" but tend to take on an anti-US character because of the students' strong feeling against the Vietnam war. Thus far, the demonstrations have not been directed against the US presence or policies in Germany.

Official concern over the situation was highlighted during a Bundestag debate on 9 February. Spokesmen for the three major parties condemned the violence of a small minority, and Chancellor Kiesinger said the government would no longer tolerate it. The interior minister promised that local police protection for American installations would be improved.

US Embassy officials in Bonn believe that the Bundestag's endorsement of decisive police action will assure adequate protection of US facilities, although minor physical damage from time to time probably is unavoidable.

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United Nations: Algeria has said it will challenge Nationalist China's right to a seat in the Security Council when the council meets today. Of the 15 Security Council members, ten voted for the seating of Peking in the last General Assembly; Canada abstained. The outcome, if Algeria does make its move, will depend on whether enough members are willing to deflect the challenge by a procedural device. Many believe the issue should be decided in the assembly rather than in the council.

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